

Important Dates for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election

- **September 25, 2012: First day to circulate petitions** for independent, new political parties and non-partisan offices. (90 days before last day to file)
- **November 4, 2012: Last day the township clerk** shall notify the chairman of each township central committee by first class mail of his/her obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus.
- **November 5, 2012: Last day the multi-township clerk** shall notify the chairman of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of his obligation to report time and location of the party's caucus
- **November 14, 2012: Last day each chairman of the township central committee** shall notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus.
- **November 15, 2012: Last day each chairman of the multi-township central committee** shall notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus.
- **November 23, 2012: Last day for municipal clerk** to publish notice of municipal caucus in municipalities with population over 500. (In municipalities with a population under 500, notice shall be given municipal clerk posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality)
- **November 24, 2012: Last day for township clerk to publish notice** of time and location of caucus of each political party.
- **November 25, 2012: Last day the multi-township central committee** shall publish a notice of the time and location of the caucus of each political party.
- **December 3, 2012: Date of municipal caucus** - must be held (in municipalities under 5,000) which have established parties
- **December 4, 2012: Date of township caucus** for townships which have not adopted the primary system
- **December 5, 2012: Date of multi-township caucus**
- **December 17-26, 2012: Petition filing period** for nominating petitions of new political party, non-partisan, and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates. (not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the consolidated election)
- **January 3, 2013: Last day to file objections** to nominating petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates
- **January 4, 2013: Last day to conduct lottery** for December 17-24 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing)
- **January 7, 2013: Last day to file petition for public question** (certain exceptions apply)
- **January 22, 2012: Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance** for binding/advisory **public question**
- **January 31, 2013: Certification of ballot by local election authorities** (68 days before consolidated election)
- **February 7, 2013: Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate** with the appropriate election authority or authorities (61 days prior to the election)
- **February 28, 2013: First day of any registered voter** within the confines of the U.S. to **make application** by mail or in person to the E/A **for an official ballot**. (40 days prior to primary)
- **March 12, 2013: Last day for registration** or transfer of registration within the office of the election authority. Registration closes 27 days preceding an election.
- **March 13, 2013: First day for grace period registration and grace period voting** in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace period voting may be done by mail at the discretion of the election authority. (begins at the close of registration and continues until the 7th day prior to the election)
- **March 25, 2013: First day for early voting** at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose. (begins 22nd day preceding election and extends through the 5th day prior to an election)
- **April 6, 2013: Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting** in the office of the election authority. Grace period voting may be done by mail at the discretion of the election authority. (7th day prior to election)
- **April 6, 2013: Last day for early voting** at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority. (5th day prior to the election)

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